

*In Celebration of*  
*Anthony William Green*  
*August 6, 1954 – November 3, 2015*



Wednesday, November 11, 2015

11:00 A.M.

*Albert Brown Mortuary*

*3476 Piedmont Avenue*

*Oakland, CA*

*Minister Gene Holliday Jr.*



Celebrating the Life  
of  
Anthony William "Tony" Green

Today we are all here to celebrate the life of our brother Tony, born August 6, 1954, in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania to Maxine and Charles Green. We cannot do that without celebrating the people in this room because Tony's life was all about people. Tony took after his mom, he loved people – both family and friend – and if you were his friend, you were a member of his family. Some joined his family in the normal way, like his siblings Charlette, Shari and Orlando. Other siblings joined his family in less traditional ways, like baby sister Alisha – daughter of his hand-picked other mother, mentor and counselor Shirley Calhoun; or little sister Denise who joined during his college days. His family also included Aunt Diane and Uncle Byron who, at ages 7 and 5 welcomed him – their big sister's first born child. Then, there was Uncle Harold who has been more than an uncle to Tony and his entire family; and Harold's son and daughter, Antar and Ina, self-proclaimed cousins.

Tony really loved children and was elated by the births of his nieces and nephews: Big Lez, Baby Orlando, Ms. Lia, Tracey, Marcus, Daniel, Samuel and Little Maya. Many other children held special places in his heart, including: Monique, Shugg, Butterball and Tavion. But the children in his family didn't end there. If you knew Tony, you knew that he was an avid sports fan. He combined his love of children and his love of sports into one of the most satisfying endeavors of his life – serving as a sports official in youth sports. Football, volleyball, baseball, basketball and softball games allowed him to participate not only as a champion for the sport, but also as a champion for every child that had the desire to don a uniform. He followed sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters of his former classmates from grade school, to high school and on to college. He never forgot the stats put up by local athletes and used their stories to encourage the young. His extraordinary commitment to the child athlete was displayed in 2001 when he and two other devotees – Ron and Alex – took an under-resourced Pinole Valley High School Junior Varsity football team, a presumed underdog, to a 10-0 season champion. Tony knew that there was no limit to what a group of good kids – and all kids were good in his eyes – could achieve with the right leadership and a good plan.

Rounding out the family are the rest of you; far too many to mention by name. But you know who you are. You lived and hung out in Parchester Village, San Pablo, Hilltop and on the South and Central Side of Richmond. You attended Lake School, Helms Jr. High, Pinole Valley High, Harry Ells, Kennedy, Richmond High and Cal Berkeley. You played in the Pop Warner Football league, bought your gear at Lambert's Sporting Goods, were members of the Richmond Half-Steppers, played with The High Sheriffs of Hell and broke ground as members of All Season's Black Ski Club. You explored with him during the Safeway years (Sheralee, you were a star), and stood by him as he transitioned out of the corporate world, and then supported his entrepreneurial efforts. You applauded him (along with Donise) when he found the Benicia Sports League. You officiated with him during hundreds of games. You worked with him at various companies. You shared his love of music, joined him at concerts, tailgates, BBQ's, domino games and birthday parties (Gloria, the timing was just right). You welcomed and laughed with him when he would pop in for a special "Tony visit". You knew he loved to eat, so you shared Soul food, Mexican food and homemade Thai food. (thanks sister-in-law Kukikai). You ran into him at track meets, in stores, at restaurants, at graduations and on streets all over the bay area. You all have your Tony stories and know when and how you became members of his family. The details of your joining were details that Tony never forgot.

You see, Tony had an uncanny memory for faces, places, names and events. He remembered and recounted events from his early days growing up in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania just as vividly as he recalled the statistics from the 1973 World Series, the 2001 Super Bowl, or who performed what songs during the last set on the second day of the 2014 Monterey Jazz Festival. Tony cherished his memories and the people who helped to form each and every one. Tony loved his family and we are here today to express our love for him, and to celebrate all the memories he often reminded us, that we had forgotten.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

MUSIC SELECTION.....Emma Price, Zalika Bryan  
Alison Streich, Alisha Calhoun  
*"How Great Thou Art"* Tarika Lewis, Vincent Tolliver

SCRIPTURES.....Sheralee Snow  
*Romans 8:35-40*  
*Mathew 11:28*

PRAYER.....Minister Gene Holliday Jr.

POEM.....Alisha Calhoun  
*"Toy Box"*

MUSIC SELECTION.....Emma Price, Zalika Bryan  
Alison Streich, Alisha Calhoun  
*"All Blues"* Tarika Lewis, Vincent Tolliver

VIDEO TRIBUTE.....

MUSIC SELECTION.....FELICIA WILSON  
*"Designers Original"*

LIFE STORY.....LARRY HILL

MEMORIES (three minutes please)

EULOGY.....Minister Gene Holliday Jr.

MUSIC SELECTION.....Emma Price, Zalika Bryan  
Alison Streich, Alisha Calhoun  
*"Amazing Grace"* Tarika Lewis, Vincent Tolliver

RECESSIONAL



### *Internment*

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive

Richmond, CA

### *Pallbearers*

Anthony Burns

Christopher Cox

Tom Green

Mitch Cox

James Colbert

Alan Magee

### *Honorary*

Oscar Dillard

Bobby Perry

### *Repass*

Los Cerros Restaurant, 4241 Valley View Rd. El Sobrante

### *Family Acknowledgement*

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